

## Message Text

PAGE 01 REYKJA 00333 271707 Z

52

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ADP-00 AID-20 RSR-01 SCS-03 CIAE-00 DODE-00

HEW-08 INR-09 NSAE-00 PA-03 PRS-01 RSC-01 SCA-01

USIA-12 TRSE-00 L-03 PM-09 NSC-10 SS-14 OMB-01 EB-11

COME-00 MC-02 IGA-02 /137 W  
----- 033469

R 271620 Z MAR 73

FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 3503

INFO COMICEDEFOR

CINCLANT

C O N F I D E N T I A L REYKJAVIK 0333

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS EAID IC

SUBJECT: VOLCANO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

REF: ( A ) STATE 053790; ( B ) REYKJAVIK 0319

1. AMB KROYER WAS OBVIOUSLY NOT AWARE OF PROCEDURES FOLLOWED LOCALLY ON WESTMANN ISLAND RELIEF VENTURES WHEN HE SPOKE TO ASST SECTY STOESSEL. THE REQUEST FOR USG ASSISTANCE ON " PIPES AND PUMPS" WAS AN OFFICIAL RPT OFFICIAL REQUEST OF GOI AND CONVEYED TO US EMBASSY IN REYKJAVIK ON BEHALF OF GOI BY MFA. THE PROCEDURE IS FOR WESTMANN ISLAND CITY COUNCIL TO REQUEST THE EMERGENCY DISASTER RELIEF FUND CMTE FOR ASSISTANCE. IF THE CMTE APPROVES THE REQUEST, IT TAKES APPROPRIATE ACTION. IF THE ASSISTANCE HAS TO COME FROM FOREIGN COUNTRIES, THE THE CMTE ASKS THE MFA TO PURSUE THE MATTER. IF THE MFA AGREES, IT THEN BECOMES AN OFFICIAL GOI MATTER. THUS, WHEN SEC GEN THORSTEINSSON APPROACHED US AMB FOR ASSISTANCE ON PUMPS AND PIPES, HE USED THE WORDS " GOI IS OFFICIALLY REQUESTING," ETC. SAME HAPPENED TO NORWEIGIAN AMB WHO WAS APPROACHED BY MFA " OFFICIALLY ON BEHALF GOI" FOR THE FIREBOATS.

2. KROYER ALSO CONFUSED ABOUT THE THREE- MAN ICELANDIC DEL WHICH  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 REYKJA 00333 271707 Z

WE WERE ABLE TO STOP. REFTEL ( B ) OF MARCH 22 EXPLAINS DEL PURPOSE. NO RPT NO DEL GOING TO USA.

3. ICELANDERS HERE SEEM TO BELIEVE KROYER RECEIVAO DAI- BASED REPUBLICAN SOCIALIST PARTY, LAM THANH NGUYE N' S HOA HAO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC VETERANS' ASSOCIATION, AND LE TRONG QUAT' S CATHOLIC- BASED PEOPLE' S NATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION FORCE. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT TRINH QUOC KHANH, LEADER OF THE HOA HAO- BASED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY, WILL JOIN. THE ALLIANCE IS A CONFEDERATION, UNDER LEADERSHIP OF A PRESIDUM OF THE CHIEFS OF THE CONSTITUENT PARTIES, WITH A ROTATING CHAIRMANSHIP. IT WILL HAVE ITS HEADQUARTERS AT CVT HEADQUARTERS IN CENTRAL SAIGON.

THIS IS THE SECOND GROUP, AFTER THE CATHOLIC- BASED FREEDOM PARTY, TO ORGANIZE SERIOUSLY TO QUALIFY UNDER DL 060, WHICH GOES INTO EFFECT MAR 27 ( SEE BELOW). THE ORGANIZERS OF THE ALLIANCE CLAIM THAT IF THE GVN REALLY WANTS A NATIONALIST OPPOSITION, THEY CAN QUALIFY UNDER THE CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP PROVISIONS OF DL 060. AT FIRST GLANCE, THEIR CLAIM IS A CREDIBLE ONE; GIVENENOUGH HARD WORK AND GVN NONINTERFERENCE, THEY HAVE GOOD PROSPECTS FOR MAKING A GO OF THE ALLIANCE. ARGUING AGAINST SUCCESS IS THE LONG RECORD OF FRONTS AND ALLIANCES THAT HAVE ABORTED HERE OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS.

E. DECREE LAW 060 GOES INTO EFFECT; THREE PARTIES SURVIVE  
OFFICIAL VIET- NAM PRESS REPORTED MAR 25 THAT ONLY THREE POLITICAL PARTIES WILL OPERATE IN THE RVN AFTER MAR 27, THE DEADLINE FOR VALIDATION OF PARTIES FIXED IN DL 060 ON POLITICAL PARTIES. THE THREE PARTIES ARE: THE ADMINISTRATION' S DEMOCRACY PARTY; THE CATHOLIC- BASED FREEDOM PARTY ( NHAN XA, CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 SAIGON 05029 02 OF 04 271844 Z

GREATER SOLIDARITY FORCE, AND UPPER HOUSE CHAIRMAN HUYEN' S LILY GROUP); AND THE NEWLY- FORMED SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE ( ABOVE).

SAIGON TELEVISION REPORTED MAR 26 THAT THE GVN HAD FORMALLY RECOGNIZED THE DEMOCRACY PARTY. THE PARTY IS NOW SCHEDULED TO HOLD ITS NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SAIGON ON MAR 28 AND ITS INAUGURAL CEREMONY MAR 29. THE GVN HAS ALSO ACCORDED THE FREEDOM PARTY PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION, I. E. PERMISSION TO OPERATE PENDING FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS OF THE DECREE. ( THE PARTY MUST MEET THESE REQUIREMENTS WITHIN 12 MONTHS. THE SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE HAS NOTIFIED MOI OF ITS FORMATION AND REQUESTED PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION, THUS MEETING THE MAR 27 DEADLINE. PROVISIONAL RECOGNITION FOR THE ALLIANCE SHOULD BE ROUTINELY FORTHCOMING IN TWO TO FOUR WEEKS, FROM WHICH TIME IT WILL HAVE 12 MONTHS TO MEET DL 060' S CHAPTER AND MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS.

THERE HAD BEEN HOPES IN SOME CIRCLES THAT PRESIDENT THIEU WOULD RELENT AND AGREE TO CHANGES IN DL 060. HE REPORTEDLY LISTENED ATTENTIVELY TO OPPOSITION LEADERS' CRITICISM OF THE DECREE AND TO THEIR REQUESTS TO MODIFY IT WHEN HE MET THEM TO DISCUSS FORMING THE PEOPLE' S FRONT FOR

PEACE AND NATIONAL SELF- DETERMINATION LAST MONTH. FORMATION OF TWO NON- ADMINISTRATION PARTIES BEFORE THE MAR 27 DEADLINE, HOWEVER, APPEARS TO HAVE CONFIRMED THE ADMINISTRATION' S BELIEF THAT THE DECREE ACHIEVED ITS PURPOSE ( TO FORCE CONSOLIDATION) AND THEREFORE WARRANTS NO LAST MINUTE CHANGES.

NON- COMPLYING PARTIES CAN NOW EXPECT MOI TO ORDER THEIR DISSOLUTION. THE WEAK BUT VOCAL SOUTHERN VNQDD BEAT MOI TO THE PUNCH: AT A MEETING MAR 20, THE CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE DECIDED TO SUSPEND OPERATIONS AND " CEASE ALL ACTIVITY". THEY CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS IN PROTEST AGAINST THE " ANTI- DEMOCRATIC, UNCONSTITUTIONAL, AND ILLEGAL" DECREE, SINCE THEY CLAIMED THEY COULD COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE DECREE. THE CLAIM IS PATENTLY ABSURD; FEW WILL TAKE THEIR EFFORT TO CALL THE DISSOLUTION A PROTEST AS ANYTHING OTHER THAN A THINLY- DISGUISED EFFORT TO AVOID THE EMBARRASSMENT OF A FORCED CLOSURE. OTHER PARTIES, LIKE THE RDV, CLAIM THEY WILL KEEP ON AS USUAL AND OBLIGE THE GVN TO FORCE THEIR CLOSURE.

F. PRESIDENT THIEU SPEAKS ON FARMERS DAY

PRESIDENT THIEU SPOKE MAR 26 AT CEREMONIES OBSERVING  
CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 04 SAIGON 05029 02 OF 04 271844 Z

THE THIRD ANNIVERSARY OF THE LAND TO THE TILLER PROGRAM ( LTT) AT CAN THO. THE GVN DUBBED IT " FARMERS' DAY" AND DECLARED IT A NATIONAL HOLIDAY. THIEU STATED THAT LTT HAS BEEN AN " INCREDIBLY" SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM WHICH HAS BROUGHT ABOUT A " REVOLUTION WITHOUT BLOODSHED" IN RURAL VN. IN SO DOING IT HAS " DEALT THE COMMUNISTS A DEADLY BLOW," SINCE PARTLY AS A RESULT OF LTT " THE RURAL AREAS ARE OURS, NOT THEIRS". HE PROMISED AN ACCELERATED PROGRAM OF RECONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION IN THE POST- WAR PERIOD, INCLUDING A NEW FIVE- YEAR RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM TO SUPERCEDE THE CURRENT (1971) PLAN. HE THANKED FOREIGN AID DONORS, PARTICULARLY THE US, FOR THEIR HELP AND PROMISED TO REFORM THE GVN ADMINISTRATIVE APPARATUS TO SMOOTH THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LTT AND TO BOOST RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS IN GENERAL.

WHILE THE SPEECH EMPHASIZED THE POSITIVE AND DID NOT DWELL ON THE CEASEFIRE AND CURRENT POLITICAL STRUGGLE WITH THE COMMUNISTS, THIEU TALKED IN TERMS OF THE CONTRIBUTION

CONFIDENTIAL

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** X  
**Capture Date:** 07 MAY 1999  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** n/a  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Draft Date:** 27 MAR 1973  
**Decaption Date:** 01 JAN 1960  
**Decaption Note:**  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Authority:** golinofr  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 28 MAY 2004  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1973REYKJA00333  
**Document Source:** ADS  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** N/A  
**Errors:** n/a  
**Film Number:** n/a  
**From:** REYKJAVIK  
**Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1973/newtext/t19730348/abqcegue.tel  
**Line Count:** 153  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE  
**Office:** ACTION EUR  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 3  
**Previous Channel Indicators:**  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Reference:** ( A ) STATE 053790; ( B ) REYKJAVIK 0319  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Authority:** golinofr  
**Review Comment:** n/a  
**Review Content Flags:** ANOMALY  
**Review Date:** 12 SEP 2001  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review History:** RELEASED <12-Sep-2001 by martinml>; APPROVED <25 FEB 2002 by golinofr>  
**Review Markings:**

Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
30 JUN 2005

**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Referrals:** n/a  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** <DBA CORRECTED> srp 971230  
**Subject:** VOLCANO EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
**TAGS:** EAID, MASS, IC  
**To:** STATE INFO COMICEDEFOR  
CINCLANT  
**Type:** TE  
**Markings:** Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005